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editor's letter

The winning display in our graphics contest is something to see -- and you'll be able to see it soon at your dealer's or at one of the many computer shows we attend. See "Graphics Contest Entries Dazzle The Eye" for the clever designer's name. We have an article on transferring BASIC files and, since we've added so many new user groups in the past couple of months, we've included an updated User Group Directory.

This is my last issue as editor of **COLORCUE**. I'd like to take this opportunity to repeat once again how much I have appreciated your calls, letters and articles over the past year. I've never had more fun nor worked with a finer user group!

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Again, many thanks for all your support!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Cathy" on top and "Anderson" on the line below, both ending in a flourish.

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Yes, we do indeed have a winner! But before we announce **GRAPHICS CONTEST** the name of that intrepid designer, let me just say that the **ENTRIES DAZZLE** entries we received were sparkling, colorful, dynamic, useful, **THE EYE!** and even humorous -- as demonstrated by our contest winner, Frank Raab of Sunnyvale, California.

Frank's winning entry comes up with a Compucolor keyboard on the screen. Not so special, but wait -- what's this? A hand sneaks up from the bottom of the screen and types, one

letter at a time in perfect "one finger precision" fashion --

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The cuff on the hand's sleeve has bands of pastel colors, and the pause before each letter is typed adds to the viewer's spellbinding anticipation. Hooray! This animated graphic was sent to the National Computer Conference in Anaheim and to the Ham Fest here in Atlanta where it kept crowds of people delighted for days.

Frank's been a Compucolor owner for 15 months. He started with a CC Model 4, which he upgraded to a 32K Model 5 with dual drives. This was his first 8080 assembly language program. Frank admits that, "...it may not be elegant, but it works!" The project took him three weeks to complete. Frank has been programming for 10 years and is currently employed as a Navy pilot where he's been able to keep his programming hand in with DECs and HP calculators.

Congratulations and \$1,000 in equipment credit goes to Mr. Raab for his stunning work. We hope he enjoyed his foray into the wonderful world of assembly and continues to develop much, much more!

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TRANSFERRING BASIC FILES FROM OTHER COMPUTERS

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The program below is a handy little routine that will allow you to transfer BASIC programs from any other computer through the RS-232C port. The other computer simply sends the file as ASCII text, e.g. by LISTing the program with the output going to the RS-232C port if the other machine is a Compucolor, for example.

I have used this routine to transfer files over the phone from an IBM 370/158 and a Honeywell 68/60. If you are interested in transferring files in this fashion, you will need a modem. In order to transfer files from another hobby computer using the phone, e.g. a TRS-80, it is essential that either you or the other person have a modem which can both answer and originate. (Radio Shack Part Number 26-1171, for example.) This is because one of you must act as the "computer" while the other pretends to be a "terminal".

To transfer files from another hobby computer which you plan to connect directly to the Compucolor, you have to make an interconnecting cable. Remember to switch the wires to pins 2 and 3 on one of the plugs on this cable. (The "computer" versus "terminal" problem again.)

To use the program, dial up (or plug in to) the other computer and establish communications, hit CPU RESET and type: ESC R 3 ESC F (for full duplex) or H (half duplex). This sets up for 300 Baud, and the routine will not work above this because BASIC cannot accept the file fast enough.

You can hit CONTROL-SHIFT CPU RESET at any time and get into BASIC. The other computer will stay connected, and you can get back to it later by hitting CPU RESET again and entering the Baud rate as above.

Once connected, OK, get into BASIC and LOAD the transfer program below. RUN the program, and sit back and watch as the file is transferred (it appears on the screen). When it is finished, save it on disk then get back into terminal communications mode as explained above. Anything that the other computer sends which BASIC does not understand will simply cause a SN (syntax) error. For example, I get an "EOF" from the Text Editor on the IBM machine at the end of the file.

The program will ask you for a command line, which is sent to the other computer to initiate the transfer. I usually get into the Text Editor on the other machine, so the command is something like "T 100" which types out 100 lines of the BASIC file I want to transfer. This part is very dependent on the other machine you are connected to. If it is a hobby computer, you may want to say "OK Fred, Send The File", or something like that. Note that the quotes are required if the command line contains spaces.

There is one slight bug in the routine, which is a property of BASIC on the Compucolor. If there are more than four (4) variable names in a line as it is transferred, the line-feed at the end of the line will be inserted into the program in memory. This is because BASIC takes too long working out the addresses of the variables, and meanwhile, the line-feed arrives. Normally, BASIC ignores line-feeds, but it is preoccupied and doesn't see it slip by.

There are two solutions to this problem: either use FREDI and edit them out (they appear in red, so this is easy); or write a program on the other machine that will wait a while after a line is sent between sending the carriage-return and line-feed. This can be done easily in FORTRAN and PASCAL. Better still, do not send a line-feed (send nulls if necessary). However, this may require an assembly language program on the other machine.

The program illustrates the use of the user input flag, number 31 and the BASIC input flag, number 23. The assembly language code which it stores in memory is as follows:

```
XFER: MOV A,E      ;CHR IS IN E
      ANI 7FH      ;MASK OUT PARITY
      MOV E,A      ;SAVE THE CHR
      LXI H,FLAG    ;GET BASIC INPUT FLAG
      JMP 398CH    ;INDEX INTO I/O JUMP TABLE
FLAG: DB 23
```

It masks out the parity bit on characters received from the RS-232C port, and calls a routine inside FCS. The address of this routine is for Version 6.78 of FCS, and I do not know

the equivalent for Version 8.79, but I suspect it is different. Other "filtering" can be done by XFER, such as removing control characters. (If the other machine is a CCII, you will lose color codes if you chop out all control characters.) Also, if the host (sending) computer sends only zeros for parity bits, then this Assembly Language is not necessary, and the whole routine reduces to three lines -- 65170, 65180, and 65190 -- with the 31 replaced by 23 in line 65190. However, neither of the machines I use are this cooperative.

Lines 65100 to 65140 are the usual method of loading a machine code routine. In line 65160, a jump to XFER is set up at the user input flag jump vector, 33221 (81C5H). Then interrupts are enabled, the Baud rate set and output is directed to the RS-232C port in line 65180. Note the use of 'CHR\$(13);' to output a carriage return, but no line-feed. After the command is sent in line 65190. Printed output is returned to the display, the input from the RS-232C port is directed through the user input vector, and the program exits. BASIC is now in the normal READY mode, and the transfer takes place via interrupts.

The end of BASIC gets moved back each time the program is run, so it is necessary to reinitialize BASIC between successive file transfers. In fact, you can merge two files (even with some line numbers in common -- the second file wins) by transferring them one after the other without reinitializing BASIC.

Also, the transfer routine will be tacked on the end of the transferred file, unless there are duplicate line numbers in the file (65000 and up). It is alright to have duplicate line numbers, because the program's work is done as soon as it has executed, which is before the transfer starts, i.e. the program only loads an Assembly Language interrupt routine, but does not perform the actual transfer.

Probably the hardest part of the whole thing will be working out a command line to initialize the transfer. Of course, you may also have to translate from the dialect of BASIC used on the other machine into Compucolor BASIC.

There are much neater methods of transferring files, but this one is nice just because it is so compact. Any suggestions are welcomed, and it should be pointed out that Compucolor is working on a Communications Sof-Disk which will probably obsolete this routine.

```
65000 REM *** BASIC FILE TRANSFER PROGRAM ***
65010 REM
65020 REM THE PROGRAM SETS UP A LITTLE MACHINE LANGUAGE 65030
REM ROUTINE TO FILTER THE INPUT FROM THE RS-232C PORT,
65040 REM THEN RETURNS TO BASIC. BASIC THINKS THE INPUT FROM
65050 REM THE RS-232C PORT IS BEING TYPED AT THE KEYBOARD, SO
65060 REM A "READY" MESSAGE APPEARS AND THE FILE COMES OUT ON
65070 REM THE SCREEN ALSO.
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65075 REM
65080 REM *** MACHINE LANGUAGE CODE ***
65090 DATA 123,230,127,95,33,0,0,195,140,57,23
65095 REM *** FIND END OF BASIC AND MOVE IT BACK ***
65100 EB = 256* PEEK (32941)+ PEEK (32940)
65110 EB = EB- 11:Z = EB:AD = 32940: GOSUB 65200
65115 RESTORE 65090
65125 REM *** STORE THE MACHINE LANGUAGE ROUTINE ***
65130 FOR I= 1 TO 11:READ X:POKE EB+ I,X:NEXT I
65140 Z = EB+ 11:AD = EB+ 6:GOSUB 65200
65155 REM *** SET UP JUMP VECTOR FOR RS-232C PORT ***
65160 POKE 33221,195:Z = EB+ 1:AD = 33222:GOSUB 65200
65170 CLEAR 100:INPUT "ENTER COMMAND LINE:";CM$
65175 REM *** ENABLE ALL INTERRUPTS AND SETUP RS-232C PORT ***
65180 OUT 8,255: PLOT 14,27,18,3,15,27,13
65185 REM *** OUTPUT THE COMMAND LINE TO THE RS-232C PORT ***
65190 PRINT CM$;CHR$ (13);:POKE 33265,0:POKE 33251,31:END
65195 REM *** SUBROUTINE TO STORE AN ADDRESS IN MEMORY ***
65200 HI = INT (Z/ 256):POKE AD,Z- 256* HI:POKE AD+
1,HI:RETURN
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Here's a Utility Bill Analysis program designed to help **UTILITY** you determine just how much energy is costing you. This may be **BILL** a depressing exercise, but it may also provide the jolt you **ANALYSIS** need to cut down your monthly bill. Who says, "what you don't know can't hurt you."

This program was excerpted, with the kind permission of the publisher, from **BASIC COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR THE HOME**, by Charles D. Sternberg (Rochelle Park, N.J.: Hayden Book Company, Inc., 1980).

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Description

The rising cost and dwindling supply of energy indicates the need for careful control and analysis of energy usage. This program was designed to assist with these tasks.

Functions of the Program

The program accepts periodic readings of any utility meter and computes daily use and cost information. Totals and averages for the period are produced after all data items have been processed and printed in a tabular form.

Instructions for Use

Determine the unit cost of the energy use from your statement. Read the meter and enter information to the program, as frequently as possible. Daily readings are best for thorough interpretation of the results.

Data Entry

All data is entered as DATA statements.

Data Format

The first record provided is the cost per unit of the item. the second and succeeding records are of the form:

Date of reading, Meter reading

Major Symbol Table - Utility Bill Analysis

Name	Description
M	Maximum Number of Data Reads
C	Cost Per Unit
D	Initial Reading Day
S	Initial Reading
R	Reading
T0	Units Used
T1	Cost Per Day
N1	Day Count
T4	Total Use
T3	Total Cost

LIST

```
20 REM      UTILITY ANALYSIS PROGRAM
30 REM      **** DATA INITIALIZATION ****
40 M=1000
50 REM      ****
60 REM      **** PROCESSING AREA ****
70 PRINT
80 PRINT
90 PRINT
100 READ C
110 READ D,S
120 PRINT "INITIAL READING WAS ";S;" ON DAY";D
130 PRINT "COST PER UNIT IS ";C
140 PRINT
150 PRINT "DATE";TAB(28);"USE COST"
160 PRINT "READ";TAB(7);"READ";TAB(16);"USED";TAB(28);
"THIS DAY"
170 PRINT "----";TAB(7);"----";TAB(15);"----";
TAB(28);"-----"
180 T2=S
190 D2=D
200 FOR I=1 TO M
210 N=1
220 READ D
230 IF D=0 THEN 380
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240 IF D<D2 THEN 260
250 N=D-D2
260 D2=D
270 READ R
280 T0=R-T2
290 T1=T0*C
300 PRINT D;TAB(5);R;TAB(15);T0;TAB(28);T1;
310 IF N=1 THEN 330
320 PRINT " *** (";N;" DAYS )";
330 T2=R
340 T3=T3+T1
350 N1=N1+N
360 PRINT
370 NEXT I
380 REM ****
390 REM **** PROGRAM TERMINATION POINT ****
400 T4=R-S
410 PRINT TAB(15);"-----";TAB(28);"-----"
420 PRINT "TOTALS";TAB(15);T4;TAB(28);T3
430 PRINT
440 PRINT ****
450 PRINT "FOR ";N1;" DAYS"
460 PRINT "AVERAGE DAILY USE WAS: ";T4/N1
470 PRINT "AVERAGE DAILY COST WAS: ";T3/N1
480 PRINT ****
490 PRINT
500 PRINT
510 REM ****
520 REM ****
530 REM **** SAMPLE DATA ENTRY FOLLOWS ****
540 DATA .025
550 DATA 24,1500
560 DATA 25,1590
570 DATA 26,1700
580 DATA 27,1800
590 DATA 28,2200
600 DATA 30,2600
610 DATA 1,3000
620 DATA 2,3100
630 DATA 3,3200
640 DATA 5,3500
650 DATA 0
READY

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keeping it simple

**AN INTEL
8080 OP
CODE TABLE**

This table contains all the 8 bit numbers from 0 to 255 in decimal and hexadecimal so the table can also be used as a base conversion chart. The following format is used for the mnemonics:

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One byte instructions are shown in capital letters only. Two and three byte instructions have symbols in angle brackets signifying the additional bytes following the op code. LO is the low order byte and HI is the high order byte of an address or immediate data. DB means one byte of immediate data and DV = device code. Unimplemented codes are signified by '---'.

DECIMAL	HEX/DECIMAL	MNEMONIC			
0	00	NOP	71	47	MOV B,A
1	01	LXI B<LOHI>	72	48	MOV C,B
2	02	STAX B	73	49	MOV C,C
3	03	INX B	74	4A	MOV C,D
4	04	INR B	75	4B	MOV C,E
5	05	DCR B	76	4C	MOV C,H
6	06	MVI B<DB>	77	4D	MOV C,L
7	07	RLC	78	4E	MOV C,M
8	08	---	79	4F	MOV C,A
9	09	DAD B	80	50	MOV D,B
10	0A	LDAX B	81	51	MOV D,C
11	0B	DCX B	82	52	MOV D,D
12	0C	INR C	83	53	MOV D,E
13	0D	DCR C	84	54	MOV D,H
14	0E	MVI C<DB>	85	55	MOV D,L
15	0F	RRC	86	56	MOV D,M
16	10	---	87	57	MOV D,A
17	11	LXI D<LOHI>	88	58	MOV E,B
18	12	STAX D	89	59	MOV E,C
19	13	INX D	90	5A	MOV E,D
20	14	INR D	91	5B	MOV E,E
21	15	DCR D	92	5C	MOV E,H
22	16	MVI D<DB>	93	5D	MOV E,L
23	17	RAL	94	5E	MOV E,M
24	18	---	95	5F	MOV E,A
25	19	DAD D	96	60	MOV H,B
26	1A	LDAX D	97	61	MOV H,C
27	1B	DCX D	98	62	MOV H,D
28	1C	INR E	99	63	MOV H,E
29	1D	DCR E	100	64	MOV H,H
30	1E	MVI E<DB>	101	65	MOV H,L
31	1F	RAR	102	66	MOV H,M
32	20	---	103	67	MOV H,A
33	21	LXI H<LOHI>	104	68	MOV L,B
34	22	SHLD <LOHI>	105	69	MOV L,C
35	23	INX H	106	6A	MOV L,D
36	24	INR H	107	6B	MOV L,E
37	25	DCR H	108	6C	MOV L,H
38	26	MVI H<DB>	109	6D	MOV L,L
39	27	DAA	110	6E	MOV L,M
40	28	---	111	6F	MOV L,A
41	29	DAD H	112	70	MOV M,B
42	2A	LHLD <LOHI>	113	71	MOV M,C
43	2B	DCX H	114	72	MOV M,D
44	2C	INR L	115	73	MOV M,E
45	2D	DCR L	116	74	MOV M,H
46	2E	MVI L<DB>	117	75	MOV M,L
47	2F	CMA	118	76	HLT
48	30	---	119	77	MOV M,A
49	31	LXI SP<LOHI>	120	78	MOV A,B
50	32	STA <LOHI>	121	79	MOV A,C
51	33	INX SP	122	7A	MOV A,D
52	34	INR M	123	7B	MOV A,E
53	35	DCR M	124	7C	MOV A,H
54	36	MVI M<DB>	125	7D	MOV A,L
55	37	STC	126	7E	MOV A,M
56	38	---	127	7F	MOV A,A
57	39	DAD SP	128	80	ADD B
58	3A	LDA <LOHI>	129	81	ADD C
59	3B	DCX SP	130	82	ADD D
60	3C	INR A	131	83	ADD E
61	3D	DCR A	132	84	ADD H
62	3E	MVI A<DB>	133	85	ADD L
63	3F	CMA	134	86	ADD M
64	40	MOV B,B	135	87	ADD A
65	41	MOV B,C	136	88	ADC B
66	42	MOV B,D	137	89	ADC C
67	43	MOV B,E	138	8A	ADC D
68	44	MOV B,H	139	8B	ADC E
69	45	MOV B,L	140	8C	ADC H
70	46	MOV B,M	141	8D	ADC L

DECIMAL	HEX/DECIMAL	MNEMONIC				
142	8E	ADC M	199	C7	RST 0	
143	8F	ADC A	200	C8	RZ	
144	90	SUB B	201	C9	RET	
145	91	SUB C	202	CA	JZ <LOHI>	
146	92	SUB D	203	CB	--	
147	93	SUB E	204	CC	CZ <LOHI>	
148	94	SUB H	205	CD	CALL <LOHI>	
149	95	SUB L	206	CE	ACI <DB>	
150	96	SUB M	207	CF	RST 1	
151	97	SUB A	208	D0	RNC	
152	98	SBB B	209	D1	POP D	
153	99	SBB C	210	D2	JNC <LOHI>	
154	9A	SBB D	211	D3	OUT <DV>	
155	9B	SBB E	212	D4	CNC <LOHI>	
156	9C	SBB H	213	D5	PUSH D	
157	9D	SBB L	214	D6	SUI <DB>	
158	9E	SBB M	215	D7	RST 2	
159	9F	SBB A	216	D8	RC	
160	A0	ANA B	217	D9	--	
161	A1	ANA C	218	DA	JC <LOHI>	
162	A2	ANA D	219	DB	IN <DV>	
163	A3	ANA E	220	DC	CC <LOHI>	
164	A4	ANA H	221	DD	--	
165	A5	ANA L	222	DE	SBI <DB>	
166	A6	ANA M	223	DF	RST 3	
167	A7	ANA A	224	E0	RPO	
168	A8	XRA B	225	E1	POP H	
169	A9	XRA C	226	E2	JPO <LOHI>	
170	AA	XRA D	227	E3	XTHL	
171	AB	XRA E	228	E4	CPO <LOHI>	
172	AC	XRA H	229	E5	PUSH H	
173	AD	XRA L	230	E6	ANI <DB>	
174	AE	XRA M	231	E7	RST 4	
175	AF	XRA A	232	E8	RPE	
176	B0	ORA B	233	E9	PCHL	
177	B1	ORA C	234	EA	JPE <LOHI>	
178	B2	ORA D	235	EB	XCHG	
179	B3	ORA E	236	EC	CPE <LOHI>	
180	B4	ORA H	237	ED	--	
181	B5	ORA L	238	EE	XRI <DB>	
182	B6	ORA M	239	EF	RST 5	
183	B7	ORA A	240	F0	RP	
184	B8	CMP B	241	F1	POP PSW	
185	B9	CMP C	242	F2	JP <LOHI>	
186	BA	CMP D	243	F3	DI	
187	BB	CMP E	244	F4	CP <LOHI>	
188	BC	CMP H	245	F5	PUSH PSW	
189	BD	CMP L	246	F6	ORI <DB>	
190	BE	CMP M	247	F7	RST 6	
191	BF	CMP A	248	F8	RM	
192	C0	RNZ	249	F9	SPHL	
193	C1	POP B	250	FA	JM <LOHI>	
194	C2	JNZ <LOHI>	251	FB	EI	
195	C3	JMP <LOHI>	252	FC	CM <LOHI>	
196	C4	CNZ <LOHI>	253	FD	--	
197	C5	PUSH B	254	FE	CPI <DB>	
198	C6	ADI <DB>	255	FF	RST 7	

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advanced applications

General math routines perform operations on register pairs in the same way that the assembly language instructions operate on single registers. These routines have the advantage of making code more readable by simply calling the system routine when it is needed instead of placing the code in-line. Since

GENERAL MATH ROUTINES

the exact function of the routine is known, you can move on to other areas of interest in a particular program.

Here's a list of general math routines. Note that the contents of the A register are always lost.

		V6.78	V8.79
ADHLA - add contents of A to the contents of HL		3518H	194EH
ANHD - the AND of DE and HL with results in HL; DE is preserved		351DH	1953H
NEGH - the two's complement of HL		3524H	195AH
NOTH - the NOT (one's complement) of HL		3525H	195BH
ORHD - the OR of DE and HL with results in HL; DE is preserved		352CH	1962H
XORHD - the XOR (exclusive OR) of DE and HL with results in HL; DE is preserved		3533H	1969H
SHLHD - shift DE left HL times with zero fill and results in HL; DE is lost, BC is preserved		353AH	1970H
SHRHD - shift DE right HL times with zero fill and results in HL; DE is lost, BC is preserved		3544H	197AH
MULHD - multiply DE by HL with results in HL; BC is preserved		3562H	1998H
DIVHD - divide DE by HL with dividend in HL and remainder in DE; BC is preserved		3581H	19B7H

These routines, along with SUBHD (v6.78-3459, v8.79-188F), can create any algebraic expression, provided that 16 bit arithmetic is adequate for the task. Just as an exercise, and to keep you off the streets, the routines for SHLHD and SHRHD are provided below.

SHLHD:	CALL	SCMN
	RZ	
SLL:	DAD	H
	DCR	E
	JNZ	SLL
	RET	
SHRHD:	CALL	SCMN
	RZ	
SRL:	XRA	A

```
MOV    A,H
RAR
MOV    H,A
MOV    A,L
RAR
MOV    L,A
DCR    E
JNZ    SRL
RET

SCMN:  XCHG
MVI    A,0FOH
ANA    E
ORA    D
JNZ    ZH
XRA    E
RET

ZH:    XRA    A
      MOV    H,A
      MOV    L,A
      RET
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We have not received any suggestions for books that you, **EDITOR'S NOTE** as users, recommend. If you have any favorites, please jot down the title, author, and publisher and drop me a letter or postcard so that I can obtain a copy and read it. Do it today!!

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user group hotline

Anthony Ruggeri is looking for Compucolor User Groups in **BRIEFS** the Chicago area and for interested Compucolor owners for information exchange.

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Steve Mann is looking for other Compucolor users in his area. If you live in the Lancaster/Palmdale area, please get in touch.

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HAM UPDATE The Ham User's Group has been meeting on the air waves for several months now, and are inviting any other hams to join in the dialogue. Short-wave listeners are also invited and can write to any of the members if they would like to hear a particular Compucolor subject discussed.

Bill Shanks writes, "In order to minimize QRM (interference from other stations), we meet on 15 meters for the first half hour to best cover the western hemisphere. Then we go to 20 meters for a half hour to make good contact with the rest of the world. We meet each Tuesday. The frequencies and times are:

21,333 Hz from 2300 UT to 2330 UT (4 to 4:30 pm EST)
14,255 Hz from 2330 UT to 0000 UT (4:30 to 5 pm EST)"

As Bill says, Compucolor brings together world-wide friends. Join them some evening!

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\$10 membership fee, 30-40 members. Membership entitles you to a copy of the library. Each member must submit one program to the library. No publication.

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Contact: Stan Pro
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EL CERRITO USER GROUP

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A small but growing group, they have amassed a sizeable list of software in their user group file including control software for the IDS 225 and BASE₂ printers for \$15 each. After August 1, 1980, membership dues will be \$10 plus the submission of one program. Meetings are held on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of the month at P.C. Computers.

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Contact: **Tommy W. Schenck**
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SAN DIEGO CCII USER GROUP

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Just underway, this group had 18 attendees at their organizational meeting. The group has started a newsletter.

SAN JOSE CCII USER GROUP

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(408) 267-5250
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Approximately 40 members. Dues are \$10, allowing access to a library with approximately 140 programs and a subscription to **Rainbow Random Access**, the Group's newsletter.

FLORIDA JACKS -- JACKSONVILLE AREA COMPUCOLOR KNOWLEDGE SEEKERS

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The group meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month.
There is a \$5.00 annual membership fee. No publication.
Approximately 75 members.

COMPUCOLOR USERS GROUP**MASSACHUSETTS**

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161 Brookside Drive
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Membership fee: \$10, entitles you to subscription to
monthly publication, **Data Chip**, and user library.

COMPUCOLOR USERS' GROUP OF ROCKLAND COUNTY

Contact: Ronnie Schnell
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Membership fee: \$6.00, entitles you to publication,
Compusource, and discounts on Compucolor materials.

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Just formed, no dues.

PENNSYLVANIA PHILADELPHIA CCII USERS GROUP

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Just formed. Howard is an engineer and a Compucolor dealer -- a good source to tap.

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CANADA CANADIAN USERS GROUP

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The Canadian Users Group meets once every 2 months on the last Tuesday of the month at different locations near metropolitan Toronto. Fees are \$15.00 per year which includes a newsletter. There are currently about 55 members.

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input

Howard Rosen writes:

"My hat's off to Dave Suits. He keeps adding to those hidden capabilities of Compucolor. I entered his "Hatch Character" program, and it ran great. After a little examination, I noticed that color combinations -- FG/BG -- were repeated, viz.; 17,18 & 18,17, for one example. I then proceeded, with FREDI's help, of course, to change the program to..."

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10 PLOT 27,24
20 PLOT 30,16,29,16
30 PLOT 15,12
35 PLOT 14,3,11,0:PRINT "COLOR COMBINATIONS CREATED BY
COMPUCOLOR"
38 PLOT 15
40 FOR X= 6TO 58STEP 13
50 PLOT 3,X,4:PLOT 17:PRINT "BG";:PLOT 22:PRINT "FG"
60 NEXT :PRINT "-----"
-----"
70 BG= 16:FG= 16
80 FOR X= 0TO 52STEP 13
90 FOR Y= 7TO 27STEP 3
100 FG= FG+ 1
110 IF FG= 24THEN FG= BG+ 1:BG= BG+ 1
120 IF BG= 24THEN X= 48:Y= 31:GOTO 170
130 PLOT 30,BG,29,FG,3,X,Y
140 PLOT 96,96,96,96,25
150 PLOT 6,1:PRINT BG;
160 PLOT 6,6:PRINT FG
170 NEXT Y,X
180 PLOT 6,2,3,48,31
190 INPUT "WAITING...";A$
200 PLOT 27,11
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From Bernie Muldowney:

Although we have now commenced an Australian **COLORCUE**, I wish to keep up with your news as it happens. I continue to be amazed at the riches of the CCII which develop in each issue and extend beyond what is in the programming manual -- keep up the good work.

I recently purchased a 'SHOOT' disk (your real-time PRG. type programs are so good they shame the others who usually attempt real-time in BASIC which is very unreal) and was perplexed to find that the '15 PUZZLE' game on occasions produced a combination which was insoluble. I therefore looked through the listing to find the test routine for discarding the impossible ones and found there one which was identical line for line with one I discovered in Don Spencer's "Game Playing With BASIC". I was at a loss to see why the odd bad combination turned up...after all the book must be right.... Further experimentation (looking at values for T mainly), revealed that although the flow chart in the book followed the stated algorithm, the BASIC listing did not in that it terminated the test for lesser numbers after only finding the first sequential number less than the number under test in the array. It seems that the author of '15 PUZZLE' took this listing uncritically and fell foul of it. The error is eliminated by altering line 1940 to increment T following the THEN statement rather than GOTO 1970; then deleting lines 1970 and 1980.

Further minor bugs were:

- (a) the value of PC 'number of moves' is not re-initialized after each play -- this is fixed by adding (:PC=0) to the end of line 210;
- (b) optionally, but in my opinion preferably, the number of moves should be printed immediately when the array is acknowledged as in order, rather than after you decide whether to continue or not. This involved converting line 650 to a REM statement only, replacing line 2750 with PRINT:PRINT"IN"PC"MOVES", converting the cursor address in line 2760 to 3,1,11 from 3,1,8, and deleting line 2780. All of the above could be tidied slightly with a RENUM operation but I judged the above edit to be OK.

Please pass on the above to all those puzzlers out there who are cursing the game for occasionally being stubborn. Let me state that I think the software you produce is first class, head and shoulders above the rest, and that the above bug is really only slight and provided me with a lot of fun finding it.

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SAVE THAT DISK!

By James I. Johnson
reprinted from the
January 1980 issue
of **DATA CHIP**, the
newsletter of the
Rochester Users'
Group.

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If you are loading your favorite program or one you have been working on for days (weeks if you are like me) and you do not have a backup copy and you see:

EDCS CD00:00 000E

do not panic yet. Try the following procedure while the disk with the error is still in the drive:

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Press BL/A7 OFF ; to set small characters
Type ESC D      ; to enter FCS
FCS>           ; will appear
Press ERASE PAGE
FCS>           ; will be at the top of the screen
FCS>REA E 6000 80 ; will try to read the bad block
EDCS CD00:00 000E ; if you see this keep reading the bad
                   block
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.
FCS>REA E 6000 80 ; if you read without any error then
FCS>WRI E 6000 80 ; write the block back to the disk
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The bad block will be read to the top of the screen. If you try reading 5 times and still get an ERROR each time, then try removing and reinserting the disk. If you read another 5 times with an ERROR each time then try reading the disk another time. If you get any ERROR except EDCS then stop, this disk should be reformatted after all retrievable information is removed.

CAUTION: Do not allow the FCS> to reach the bottom of the screen, it may enter the top and be written back to the disk then that disk block will have incorrect information.

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Mike Ungerma writes:

"With all the SAVING and LOADING I do to move BASIC programs from disk to disk, I run into a real stumbling block in moving PRG or LDA files from one disk to another.

I have hit on a trial and error method that seems to work most of the time -- but there must be an easier way.

I look in the Directory of the disk and note the size of the file I want to transfer. Using FCS, I LOAD the PRG or LDA file, then I put the new disk in the drive and calculate what I think is the new memory spec and SAVE thusly:

FCS> SAVE (filename) LADR-(calculated value) LADR

where calculated value = ((Size- 1)* 80H)+ LBC -1. Of course, it helps to have a TI Programmer for the HEX multiplication -- and this doesn't work by exactly 6 bytes when the LBC= 80 (don't ask me why)?!

I'm sure I'm not the only one who would like to have a COPY command that works with 1 disk drive -- perhaps there's some kind heart in the readership who has the exact routine required."

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"Mr. Taylor describes a method to generate a "break" on the RS-232C line. I find that a much easier method is to issue the command OUT 4,10 to start the "break" and OUT 4,8 to end it."

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From Bill Greene:

"NOTE: The IBM Bit-Banging Driver in the May issue is not a complete program. It is the output routine taken from my IBM Driver program to demonstrate 'bit-banging', the technique of sending one bit at a time to the RS-232C port under software control. The technique is useful for sending non-ASCII code such as IBM and Baudot at nonstandard baud rates. The same technique can also be used to send ASCII at standard baud rates for special applications.

The complete program, with overlay tables for IBM BCD, EBCD, and Correspondence Codes, is available directly from me on diskette for \$25.00. Several other programs are on the diskette with instructions for patching the IBM Driver to BASIC and Assembly language programs. I have put together three other diskettes that I am offering for sale:

UTILITIES (\$25.00), featuring Super Monitor - a monitor/debugger/calculator (runs in 2K), with Symbol Table Sorter and an easy-to-use program for check and cash expenditure records. GAMES (\$20.00), featuring Milestones, a French card game of travel with hazards, remedies, safeties and coup fourre'. All diskettes require 16K."

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Bill Boom, of Davenport, Iowa, has written requesting information on interfacing the Compucolor to the 33AR (repeater) -- the kind used by the phone company. An optically coupled RS-232C to TTY interface is available for \$65 from Solid State Instruments, Inc., 9750 Fred Drive, Denver Colorado 80221, (303) 452-2604.

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In "Micro Data Base Systems Releases Software for the Compucolor" in the Product Showcase section of May's issue, a number of software packages, available from Jerry Kidd, were described with the statement that information could be obtained by writing to Micro Data Base Systems for a catalog. Jerry Kidd is not affiliated with Micro Data Base Systems at all but can be reached by writing to Box 242, Cohutta, Georgia 30710.

Micro Data Base Systems develops data base management systems for Z-80 and 8080 micro systems such as the Compucolor. They can be reached by writing P.O. Box 248, Lafayette, Indiana 47902 or by calling (317) 742-7388. Sorry for the confusion.

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